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CENSORSHIP BILL CENTER OF STORM

Opposition Grows Both in Senate and House.

DELAYED ACTION IS DENIED

Publishers All Over Country Are Aroused and Make Protest.

Spirited debate on the espionage bill, with its censorship section, was resumed in the House today, while Congressman Graham of Pennsylvania, a minority member of the Judiciary Committee, awaited an opportunit yto offer a motion to strike the censorship clause from the measure. The principal fight will come on the Graham motion.

The House today refused to se aside the espionage bill to take up the Alexander bill authorizing the Gov ernment to seize and use enemy ships in American harbors. Chairman Webb, of the Judiciary Committee, desired to finish consideration of the espionage bill, and Mr. Mann, the mi-mority leader, objected to the ship bill's consideration before the espion bill's consideration before the espion age bill is out of the way. He suggested that the shipping bill could be taken up late today or tomorrow.

Accordingly the House proceeded with debate on the espionage bill pending the arrival of M. Viviani and other members of the French commisother members of the French commis-sion who were scheduled to appear

early in the afternoon. Fears Evil Would Result. Congressman Graham, one of the "constitutional lawyers" of the House, served notice that he would seek to atrike out the censorship section. He asserted that he had decided that it would be better to have no censorship legislation at all.
"I believe at this time more evil

will result from the enactment of sec may come from it," he said.

Mr. Graham told the House that it

Mr. Graham told the House that it would be impossible to enumerate the things which ought to be censored, nor did he think blanket legislation should be passed authorizing the President to use "his judgment" in issuing a proclamation covering matters of free appears and a few many ters of free speech and a free press. Congressman Montague of Virginia contended that it would be impossible to do the thing proposed in the pend-

You cannot authorize the President to determine a crime and also punish a crime," said Montague, "He can-not do both."

The censorship section continued to be the object of attack today. If the Graham motion to strike it out fails, Congressman Medill McCormick, part owner of a Chicago newspaper, will move to amend by making the section specific as to the things which may and may not be published. Chairman Webb insisted that if would be impossible to do this, and that discre tion must be left to the President.

Says Subordinate Would Act. Mr. McCormick declared that thi meant some subordinate of the Presi dent would prepare proclamations. "It is too much power to put in the hands of any one man, even the Presi-

Reading a paragraph from an edi-rial in The Washington Times of yesterday Congressman Austin asked (Continued on Tenth Page.)

dent" said Mr. McCormick.

PITTSBURGH TRUST CO. NOT THE ONE WRECKED

Pittsburgh Life and Trust Co. Institution in Trouble.

In the headlines of a story from Pittsburgh yesterday The Times stated "Pittsburgh Trust Company Wrecked in Two Days." The institu-tion referred to in the story was the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company In view of the fact that we are in-formed that there is a firm known specifically as the Pittsburgh Trust Company, which is not affected. The Times is glad to correct any possible misinterpretation of the headlines.

CLUB FOR THURSTON

Resolution Favoring Retention Is Adopted by Women.

A resolution favoring the retention of Ernest L. Thurston as superintendent of public schools in the District, was adopted today at a meeting of the Twentieth Century Club. at All Souls Church, Fourteenth and L streets northwest. The resolution was a strong protest against any change in the present management of the public school sys-

Thurston.

The club adopted resolutions favor ing universal military service, and erdered a copy of the resolutions sent to the Senate at once. Following the business meeting a

em, and indorsed the work of Mr.

short entertainment was given. Those who took part were Mrs. O. F. Cooke. Mrs. George F. Bowerman, Mrs. W. F. G. Swann, Mrs. Benjamin F. Smith, and Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell.

The meeting today was the last regular meeting of the fiscal year Mrs. Edward B. Clark, retiring president, presided. Just before the induction into office of Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, newly elected president, the entire club arose to sing "America," and presented Mrs. Clark with a large American flag.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 3 .- Max Eckert, of New York city, was arrested today for expressions against the

swimming pool by his discussion. Four policemen yanked him from the thers, who suffered. "The relief commission has only thirty tank in his bathing suit and hustled He was held without bail vascels. It should have seventy to feed ation.

Want Drastic Shipping Law

Administration Officials Feel That Only By Such Can General Disaster Be Averted.

Drastic legislation giving the Government supreme authority in dealing with the shipping problem of the country is expected to be introduced in Congress this week.

Coming on the heels of the plain spoken warnings of disaster that have been sounded in the past forty-eight hours regarding the submarine situation.

It is a proposition laid down by

Administration officials and by mem-

bers of the British and French war

commissions, that unless extraordi-

country to increase by tremendous

Will Confer Arbitrary Power.

The bills to be introduced in Congress

is stated will not only clothe the

President with every needed power to

take over private shippards for the con-

truction of merchant ships just as the

naval legislation gave him similar pow-

but they will likewise give him arbitrary

powers to use private shipping to the best possible advantage of the United States and our allies.

In other words, under the legislatio

that is to be proposed, it is declared, the President would be empowered to

prescribe the routes and destinations of

ships under American registry, restrict

the victualling and munitioning of our

armies abroad and our ailies, and pro-hibit them from wasting cargo space

For many weeks a blanket of secree

rival of the British and French mission

Washington was struck with the ex-traordinary emphasis laid by the visitors on the need for ships.

From almost every conference con

Gradually, too, the curtain was drawn

from a picture of veritable havon

Havoc Wrought Is Great.

At this rate Germany will have ex

ceded her promised sinkings of

At this rate, too, the total amount of

know that the situation is extremely

grave, in order that it should consent to the removal of every obstacle in

Secretary Lane's statement yester day that the war will be fought on this side of the Atlantic if we do not

beat the Germans to it," was made with a full realization of the effect

SAYS HOOVER, FOOD MAN

Submarine Destruction Increases

Steadily, Says Belgians' Helper.

NEW YORK May 1 - Submarine de-

truction has been steadily increasing

for six weeks. The situation is one of

xtreme gravity-make sure of that."

With this warning Herbert C. Hoover

who may become America's food dicta-

tor, arrived today from England. He

plied by three" on account of submaris

operations during March and April. Hoover said the U-boats were the one

hig menace which must be eliminated in

Europe Needs Wheat.

"The European food situation, as well

as the general war situation there, re-

quires every possible effort we can make," he said. "What Europe needs

most is wheat and it must have wheat.

"As for Belgium, the relief system is

but it must also have pork and produc

struggling to its feet after having been

of immediately for Washington

rder to win the war.

pedoed since March 1.

confidence of the nation.

U-BOAT PERIL GROWS,

it might have in shaking the

the way of rapid ship construction.

minating yesterday in

sank 400,000 tons of shipping.

with non-essentials,

their cargoes to commodities needed for

the Capital.

the legislation, officials hope, will be \$100,000,000 LOAN IS MADE TO ITALY

McAdoo Turns Over Warrant to nary measures are adopted by this Envoy With Simple Ceremonies.

additions the world's supply of ships, disaster is not only certain as regards Great Britain and France, but like-Secretary of the Treasury McAdon wise regarding the United States.

The statements that have been made in these responsible quarters have not failed to electrify Washington to a oday turned over to the Italian am bassador, Marquis di Cellere, \$100,000, 000 as an initial loan to Italy by this the situation. The lack of reserve 15, but is subject to conversion. This that has characterized the warnings means that it will be put upon a long of Secretary of State Lansing, Secre time basis upon its maturity. tary of the Interior Lane, Lord Eus tace Percy of the British commission, and others, has completely surprised short loan is an emergency measure meet immediate needs.

The money was loaned from the proceeds of Treasury certificates of indebtedness floated by the Govern pent a few days ago.

The ceremonies attendant upon the ransaction were as simple and businessiike as those that mark-ed the turning over to Great Britain of \$200,000,000 last week. Signed in Office.

A Treasury warrant for the sun signed by Secretary McAdoo and omptroller of the Treasury Warwick in the Secretary's office in the presence of the Italian ambassador, the advices received here today, by counselor of the Italian embassy. George L. Cooksey, assistant to the agency. Secretary: Governor Harding, of the reserve board, and Assistant Secre-tary of the Treasury Crosby. Motion pictures of the transfer of the warrant, and the signatures by the Sec-retary the Comptoller and the am-bassador were taken. The films used are to be specially mounted and pre-

has been spread by the British admir-alty over German submarine activities. The British and French governments have withheld all announcements con-cerning ships sunk, and the public was The money is to be deposited in this country, and used for the purchase of coal, wheat and other needed sup allowed to infer that the claims made in Berlin as to the number of victims were grossly exaggerated. With the ar-

GERMANY REWARDS SOCIALISTS' LEADER

nected with the international war council the word has come forth that Philip Scheidemann Named Presithe pressing problem is one of ships. dent of Reichsag Committee.

AMSTERDAM, May 3.—The German Lane's statement to the visiting gov-ernors that the Germans last week rovernment has taken the revolution ary and unprecedented step of ap pointing a Socialist as president of the constitution committee of the Reichstag, according to Berlin dispatches today. Philip Scheldemann. .000,000 tons a month by 600,000 tons. whose recent effors were backed by the world's shipping, estimated at less than 50,000,000 tons, would be government aid to chieve a separate peace between Rusia and Germany swept from the seas in less than through conference of Socialists, was the Liberal selected for this import and post.

During 1916, according to the estimates of the Bureau of Navigation Observers of Gernan affairs here re-

of the Department of Commerce, the garded it as park-ularly significant amount of the world's ship construc that a Socialist, and Schiedemann of totaled less than 2,000,000 tons all the Socialist, and Schiedemann of for the entire twelve-month period chairman of a committee which will nother words, the rate per month at very soon have toleral with extension which German submarines are now sinking ships is but tittle less than Kaiser and by the imperial chancel of franchise reforms promised by the Kaiser and by the imperial chancel

the rate per year of the world's ship construction. It is because of figures.

Scheidemann heds the group of Scheidemann heds the group of the state recently been attentioned by for tion of an anti-greenment Sociali branch in the Reichtag under leader ship of Hanse all Ledebour. This new offshoot of the general Socialist party objected to Sueidemann and his assistants pledging o great a measure of support to the government, and demanded nothing less than sweep ing reforms including full franchis

rights.
Scheidemann ha been various) reported as in Sendinavia and Hol land attempting b confer with other Socialists recently on his plan for oncerted Socialistoressure on Russ for a separate sec. Scheideman seemed to have emplete sympath; and backing of the German govern ment in his schene. Although the German Socialist bace move has apparently come to a standstill, it is possible Scheddenan's appointment to a committee pesidency may be in the nature of a tward for his services.

TWO KNOWNDEAD ON TORPEDOED SHIP

Declaring that deaths in the industrial Probably Killed When U-Boa' Shelled Rekingham.

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Control of the Contro	The state of the s

struggling to its feet after having been "Rockingham Opedoed, two men practically knocked out by the subma-killed, one hoat using with thirteer ones. Five of our ships have been tormen not yet land." Further details have been cable "We landed only 60,000 tons of food in for

We landed only 60,000 tons of food in Belgium during March and April Deaths greatly increased. Bables were cared by shell fire, as the dispatches yes terday said she washelled before she will be the said of the said she washelled before she will be the said she washelled before she will be the said of the said she washelled before she will be the said of the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she will be said to the said she washelled before she wa

\$1.00 To there Ferry. \$1.21 to Winnester id return Baltimurd Ohio from Washinin, 8:00 a. m. Sunda) May S. Returning as day.—Advt.

SUNK; CREWS SAVED | CHEERED BY HOUSE

Oil Tanker Sun Is Reported French Envoys Given Ova-Torpedoed. tion on Capitol Visit.

SCHOONER MARGARET BURNED PACIFISTS LEAD ACCLAIM BIG MEDICAL FORCE

Willard Abrahams Sent to Bottom Ex-Premier Speaks, and Marshal by U-Boat Off Irish Coast.

The torpedoing of the American crew of six were reported officially o the State Department today.

(The latest American shipping list egisters no vessel by this name. This makes it probable that the torpedoed ship is one of many that have een renamed since the beginning of the war). The American consul at Livernool

amed the following members of the merican gun crew on the torpedoed acuum as lost or missing:

Vacuum as lost or missing:
Lieut. C. C. Thomas, A. Donald, R.
J. Fisher, C. F. Lickan, and F. H. Loree (died April 2).
The saved of the gun crew were
John Nichola, T. Wilson, F. Lasher, J.
E. Williams, J. Williams, G. W. Parker, O. H. Lucke, and L. R. Musshorn. Survivors of the unwarned attack upon the Vacuum were in boats twen y-nine hours, and suffered from wet nd cold.

Destruction of the American schoon-Margaret on April 27 was an unced by the State Department to-The vessel was set on fire by

The statement does not define the nationality of the submarine, nor is the place of the destruction given. No he second largest ever drawn, was reference is made to loss of life.

PHILADELPHIA, May 3 - The tank er Sun was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean sea, according to Sun Oil Company, from its London The crew is reported as saved.

The Sun is a 4,836 ton vessel, who

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR WAR LOAN POURING IN

Hundreds Take Bonds as Soon as They Are Issued.

Subscriptions to the \$2,000,000,000 war ond issue announced by Secretary Mc-Adoo last night are pouring in upon the

Offers to take the bonds are rom banks, department stores, business ouses, and individuals throughout the untry. Hundreds of them came by telegraph as soon as the issue was an-nounced. The first mail this morning ought many others.

Millions of dollars have already been abscribed to the loan, and applications are coming in so fast that Treasury officials have been unable to check the Many of these subscriptions are in

blank form carrying only a to al. They will be left to the Treasury Department to fill in such details as the fixing of ominations are worked out. The issue is to bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum. Secretary McAdoo is confident that the issue will be over-subscribed, and will be put on a preferred list

igher interest rate. It is estimated that the \$2,000,000 - Senate. Government during the first few onths of the war

John Poole, president of the Fed-ral National Bank, conferred with ecretary of the Treasury McAdoo toay on plans for floating the hig was Mr. Poole laid before the Secretary nd other Treasury officials plans for

me saving on the bonds. Mr. Poole's bank was the first in is country to announce a plan hereby its patrons could purchase onds on time payments. orked this plan out to national pro-ortions. His bank made a heavy abscription to the issue the moment was announced by the Secretary

BRITISH PRESS DRIVE WITH RENEWED VIGOR

laig Reports Heavy Fighting Along Twelve-Mile Front.

LONDON; May 3.-The transport Arcadian was sunk in the Mediterranean April 15, with a loss of 279 lives, according to an admiralty statement today.

LONDON, May 3. - After two days of nuction the British drive was renew d in powerful force again todaynd in a new direction, Field Marshal laig reported today.

There was heavy fighting all along he front, from the Hindenburg line bouth of the Sensee river to the Ache file Vimy road," he said, "We are rogressing and have already captur

number of strong hostile posi-The British commander in chief's re ort indicates an offensive extending ver a front of at least twelve miles.

PARIS, May 3. Resumption of spir ted fighting at widely scattered oints of the whole French front was experted in today's official statement. he report showed French troops in ction at St. Quentin, around Rheims,

Says "Vive l'Amerique."

As the House stood and cheered a sailing vessel Willard Abrahams, off only its leather-lunged orators can the Irish coast, and rescue of her cheer, Marshall Joffre, Vice Premier Viviani and Vice Admiral Chocheprat of the French commission, today completed their list of official visits. If the Senate reception to the two Tuesday was spectacular, the House demonstration today was a riot. Pacifists and other anti-war men

bers led the applause for the commis-sion as the House doorkeeper an-"The Honorable French Commis

sion to the United States." The commissioners arrived at the Capitol at 12:10. House and galleries ommenced applauding long before they entered the chamber. and Viviant seconded to Speaker Clark's rostrum to be pro-sented, handclapping changed sented, handclapping changed to stamping, desk pounding and cheers. Viviant bowed in response, while Joffre responded with his now fa-miliar salute. Then, as Joffre sat down, Viviani laid his gloves on the Speaker's desk and launched into a vivacious address. Clark Presents Joffre

Two Congressmen in front, who understood what he said, led the rest of the House in applause, except when Viviant mentioned President Wilson, when all applauded vociferously.

Congressman Medill McCormick of Illinois, volunteer interpreter to the press gallery, furnished a mirror for Viviani's vivacious gestures as he waved his arms and dictated a free translation to a House stenographer. As Viviani finished spontaneous cheers were renewed. Joffre arose

"I present to you-" Clar : began The greatest cheer that ever has shat-tered the air waves of the House interrupted Clark for a couple of min-utes. Then he finished: "the Marshal

The Speaker—no linguist—carefully refrained from any attempt at pro-nunciation. He stuck to titles. Joffre saluted the House and waited

Kisses Miss Rankin's Hand. "Thank you," he said finally, "Vive merique." Then he sat down. Speaker Clark escorted loffre, and Chocheprat to the front of the clamber, where they shook hands with more members than have re-sponded to any roll call in months. Ambassador Jussevand and officers f the French commission were seated in front of the Speaker's desk. The party was escorted to the chamber by Congressmen Flood, Virginia chairman of the Foreign Affairs Com mittee; Linthicum, Maryland; Cooper, Wisconsin; Porter, Pennsylvanis, and

loodwin. Arkansas. Miss Jeanette Rankin, as usual urnished a light touch to the occa-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

SHEPARD JOINS MARINES

Leaves Capitol Press Gallery to "Do Bitt" as Private.

of Judge Shepard, and a well-known newspaper man, has gone to Phila-If the second bond issue is floated delphia, where he will enter the Maof a higher rate of interest than the fine Corps as a private.

Arst one, it will be provided that the first issue can be converted to the press gallery, and has for some time copresented the Central News in the He has enlisted to "do his for the period of the war.

ELKUS CONVALESCENT

Will Be Able to Come Home in Four Weeks.

American Ambassador Elkus, Contantinople, is convalescent from the ctack of typhus fever and will be able to leave for home in four weeks

the State Department learned today ASSIGN RETIRED OFFICERS. Retired army officers are offering amselves and being assigned to acive duty. Army orders today re ported Brig. Gen. Ernest A. Garling ton, retired, is assigned for duty in the office of the chief of staff. Lieut. Col. George Mcc. Derby is assigned to duty at New Orleans.

GOOD NEWS FOR HOUSEWIVES

The Times will seek to assist its readers by publishing each day a list of food articles which on the day following will be purchasable at lower prices than those which have prevailed. This list represents consultation by Times representatives with the proprietors of more than 100 stores, some one of which is near you, Tomorrow's (Friday's) cut

Texas onions New potatoes Red beets Asparagus Cucumbers Peas

price foods include:

Strawberries continue scarce, due to rain and cold. Several cars are due late today or tomor row, besides regular express re

Most green vegetables are plentiful except spinach and kale.

THREE U.S. VESSELS JOFFRE AND VIVIANI INSANITY VAWTER DEFENSE MAY BE SENT TO ASYLUMAT ONCE AS CRIMINAL LUNATIC

WILL GO TO FRANCE

and Drivers Will Be Sent.

The United States will send 2,000 tional Defense announced today. The self to the following resolution: first of the units-of twenty-two amwithin three weeks.

This is in addition to the six medi-

cal units totaling about 1,000 medical men which will be sent at once to Great Britain

equested that 200 American medical men be sent over each month for an indefinite period. The French and British medical and hospital organi-British medical and hospital organi-zations, it was said, are greatly de-pleted, owing to the fact that this service suffers the heaviest mortality ice committee of the National Federa-tion of Women's Clubs.

WOMEN TAKE PLEDGE

3,000 Ambulances and Doctors Military Necessity Actuates Club Federation to Take Action.

ambulances and 3.700 doctors and necessity of conserving the food supdrivers to France, the Council of Na- ply of the nation, I hereby pledge my "I will use only those amounts bulances and seventy men will leave food required for adequate nourish ment:

"I will endeavor to control the waste of all kinds of material in the house, and I will live simply; "I will begin now."

Cards bearing this pledge are being Clubs. They are being signed by women all over Washington, and will

Thurston's Re-election Certain

Retention of School Superintendent by Vote of Five to Four Expected at Today's Board Meeting.

At the meeting of the Board of Education to be held this afternoon, the question of the continuation of Mr. Thurston as superintendent of schools for the District will be decided. A careful investigation of the opinions of the members indicates that he will be re-elected by a vote of five to four.

At a board meeting yesterday, trong pleas were made for the retention of the incumbent. Fred A. Fenning, chairman of the school committee of the Board of Trade. headed a delegation and was spokes man for the board. He told of his observance of Mr. Thurston's loyalty to the schools and said that the fine spirit of harmony now prevalent in the schools was due to Mr. Thurston. Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, former vice president of the board, spoke of the unrest which has been ap-parent in the schools for the last lozen years. In that time, Mrs. Musey said, there had been no less than three superintendents appointed. For Women's Clubs

Mrs. C. N. Chipman and Mrs. Mary Lockwood spoke for a delegation from the Federation of Women's Clubs, asserting that representatives of 6,000 members of that organiza-tion had unanimously adopted resolu-tions indorsing Mr. Thurston as superintendent.

Others speaking along similar line ore Dr. May C. Baker, Mrs. Frank laker, and George Francis Williams. Mr. Williams for several years was a cember of the school committee of the Chamber of Commerce.
Superintendent Thurston was au-

thorized to grant or refuse requests for the use of school buildings John B. Larner moved that all school children who desired to leave school to fill the places of those en tering the service of the country be graduated if they were in their commencement year, or be given credit for work done if they would not grad-uate at the end of the present term.

Many appointments, promotions

resignations, and transfers, recom-mended by the superintendent, were approved by the board. PRESIDENT MAY NAME MUNITIONS MINISTER

Gifford Tells Governors of Vast Work Ahead of Defense Council.

Intimation that President Wilson nay appoint a "minister of munitions" or at least one "in embryo" was made today before the defense conference of governors here by Walter S. Gifford, director of the Council of National De-

oard of the council, and detailing the terials for "three ships to every board of the council, and detailing the levials for "three ships to every pine vast work ahead in co-ordinating the ship sunk," and will supply yellow munitions exports. Mr. Gifford said: pine lumber, of which the supply is "You can see that this means a minimexhaustible," faster than the ship-istry of munitions—at least one in empays and build new ships.

PARIS BUTTER \$1 A POUND Regulation Which Fixed Maximum Price Is Abolished.

PARIS, May 3.—The regulation fix-ing the maximum retail selling price of butter at an equivalent of 68 cents a pound in Paris has been abolished by the minister of provisions and the price went up to the equivalent of a dollar a pound.

The scarcity of butter in the Paris

market has been attributed to the maximum selling price, which is sup-posed to have driven the product to posed to have driven the product to other markets, where no limit has been fixed for its sale. It was hoped by the minister of provisions that the abolition of the regulation affecting Genou: Senator Marconi, Marquis Bor

TO CONSERVE FOOD

"In view of the present military

PLAN TO FEED ALLIES Representatives of 48 States Urged to Aid Food Production. their common allies and their com

GOVERNORS DISCUSS

oday by their representatives in war ouncil here. Sitting with the Council of Nation al Defense, representatives of forty-eight American sovereignties were told that the success of arms depends on their aid.

on country, was threshed out again

At the same time, the council told how the Federal Government is clothing for war. at least," by Walter S. Gifford, direc-

tor of the council. How the Government will shortly send 1,000 doctors to England, and a stream of ambulances and surgeons to France, until 3,000 ambulances and bly 7,000 doctors are constring France's man wastage; how American railroad genius and material will re-build Russia's roads—a commission f rall experts to start abroad within a few days, and how the health of the country's "civil armies" is to be guarded as well as the military armies were presented as forward steps

ies were presented as forward steps of the Rederal Government.

For the Soldiers.

Collection of books and papers in the schools for distribution among the forces in camps was sanctioned. A number of requests for benefits to ganize all existing energies for the common purpose, the council said. Each State was urged to organize

n these lines:
A State council of defense, for direct co-operation with the national council, and for interstate co-opera-

tion; State committees on finance, publicity, medicine and sanitation, food supply and conservation, industrial survey to sound out industrial capacity and resources, man power survey to find men for armies, labor, military affairs to co-operate with the War Department in raising the great draft army, State protection, transporta-tion, and local councils of defense in municipalities to co-operate with the state councils.

In other words, organization down balance was outlined.

Speaking of the present munitions Association that it would supply ma-

KING URGES FOOD ECONOMY London Crowds Cheer Proclamation

Appealing to People. LONDON, May 3.-King George's food proclamation urging his people to save, and couched in almost the much dazed as it was last night. same language as that of a similar manifesto by King George III, was trial formally and ceremoniously read A y from the steps of the royal exchange terds: today by a crier. A large crowd gathered to cheer the appeal.

ITALIAN MISSION CHOSEN.

Paris would cause shipments in such quantities to the city as would relieve affairs, and Deputies Ciufelli and Nittl, both former ministers,

TRIAL'S ABRUPT END **NOW SEEMS LIKELY**

Counsel for Both Sides Confer After Climaxes.

DEFENDANT'S WIFE UNHEARD

About to Call Mrs. Vawter When Court Calls Recess in Case.

By ROBERT B. BERMANN. confronted by the crushing blow of Vawter's letter offering his wife for ale in exchange for payment of a whisky bill, the defense suddenly changed all its plans today in the trial of Charles E. Vawter, Virginia Polytechnic Institute professor, for the murder of Stockton Heth, jr., and laid the ground work for a plea of

The court has adjourned until I The court has adjourned until a o'clock for conference between opposing counsel, and it is widely reported that when the trial is resumed the Commonwealth will agree to the jury being instructed to bring in a verdict of "not guilty because of insanity at the present time."

If this proves to be the case, Judga Moffett will immediately commit Moffett

Moffett will immediately commit Vawter to an asylum for the criminal The principal reason for the pre-The principal reason for the pra-sumption that this compromise will be effected lies in the statement made by counsel for the defense just before noon, when court adjourned: "If the trial is resumed this after-noon Mrs. Vawter will take the stand."

Unwritten Law Falls.

The defense disclosed its hand about an hour after the trial was reumed, when it brought forth expert testimony summoned overnight show that Vawter was insane at the time he wrote the damaging letter and was subject to spells of insanity. The action came like a bombshell in the court room. It was an epochal moment in the criminal annals of Virginia ginla. It marked the first time in history that the unwritten law plea has failed in the Old Dominion

has failed in the Old Dominion.

It was not entirely unexpected, eversince yesterday's sensation in the
damning evidence that Vawter had
complacently viewed his wife's relations with Heth, had urged him on to
further relations, and incidentally
asked for petty financial assistance.

It was realized that the defense must
take drastic action to save the relatake drastic action to save the pris-

But it was not expected so Creation of a "ministry of muni-lions," with Cabinet portfolio, was leclared to be certain, "in embryo— that thought all sensations had been

The forecast decision of the Com-

monwealth concurring in the insanity defense came as a complete surprise. During his grilling cross-examina During his grilling cross-examina-tion of the three experts, Dr. A. M. Showalter, Dr. A. D. Evans, and Dr. W. F. Henderson, the special prosecu-tor never once intimated that the State would accept the insanity plea. On the other hand his every question showed the clear intention to show that Vawter was a degenerate, not

Briefly the testimony of the experts

was this: Under direct examination they

agreed that the man who wrote the damning letters must have been in-sane, taking into consideration Vawter's marital relations and his fight against liquor.
Under cross examination they were forced to admit that anyone who had forced to admit that anyone who had written the letter must have been insane, or a degenerate, here bringing out a lengthy discussion of the differences between insanity, legal degeneracy, and degeneracy in its legally accepted meaning.

The sensational awitch in plans promised for a time late this morning to be followed by a second climax no less dramatic. less dramatic

Mrs. Vawter Not Heard, With the conclusion of the expert evidence, Attorney Jordan, for the defense, announced that the time bad come for Mrs. Vawter to take the

stand, and that she would give testito the smallest politic unit to throw mony of so intimate a nature that he the full force of the nation into the felt it necessary to clear the court of At the same time the council had all persons except court officers, lawussurances from the Southern Pine
yers, and reporters. He said the yers, and reporters. He said the Commonwealth agreed to the motion. While Judge Moffett was considering the request, however, there was a conference of opposing counsel which resulted in the decision to adjourn court for a little more than two hours to allow the attorneys to dis cuss important questions, these sub-jects generally being accepted as incolving the bringing the case to an abrupt end by sending the prisoner Town Still Daged.

Christiansburg awoke today just as after its day of sensations in the

A year was crowded into a day yesterday, climax following climax so fast that nobody had any time to notice the anti-climaxes.

The morning session, with its dramatic story of the death scene and the heart appeal in little Charlie Vawter's testimony, left the speciaors gasping.
But it was overshadowed by events

the afternoon. Developments started early, with

the resumption of the cross-examina-

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